



DOC ANELLO

1927-2014

The father of jazz guitarist and Cexton Records founder John Anello, Jr. and the son of jazz drummer Benny Anello, **Doc Anello** was a veteran singer, arranger and saxman who has been leading big bands and small groups since the 1940s.

Doc Anello (who was nicknamed "Doc" because he has a doctorate in jazz education) grew up in Newark, New Jersey, where he fell in love with jazz as a pre-teen and formed his first band, The Paradise Serenaders, when he was only 16. That band took its name from a band that his father, a Sicilian immigrant, had led in Newark in the 1920s. Anello formed a big band at 19 and went on to play numerous East Coast gigs in clubs and hotels in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

Over the years, he backed his share of big names in jazz and pop, including Johnny Mathis, Gregory Hines, Frankie Avalon, Rip Taylor, Totie Fields, Johnny Ray, Leslie Gore, Eartha Kitt, and many others. Anello moved to California in 1968, and in 1975, he became manager of booking for Disneyland.

Though Anello had recorded some singles in the 1950s, he didn't actually record any albums until the 1990s-when he recorded **"It Just Plain Swings"**, his 1st CD, and soon thereafter, **"Jumpin' Jive"** with his Swing Machine Big Band for the

Cexton label. Doc also had a new Christmas CD release called **"A Swingin' Christmas Wish"**. He released a CD of his Big Band in front of a studio audience, recorded live, called **"Swingin' Jazz Live"**, and Cexton Records has just released another new live Big Band CD for 2009 called **"Doin' It Our Way"**. There are more unreleased Doc Anello CDs that will be coming out. Doc Anello passed away on May 14th, 2017.

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